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McKinney Local Housing Authority Transitional Housing Program

Fact Sheet

The McKinney Local Housing Authority Transitional Housing Program (LHATHP) provides transitional housing services to homeless families. The program makes use of state-aided conventional housing units as transitional housing sites. Homeless families occupy these sites for a 12-18 month period in order to receive services to develop their self-sufficiency skills. Families who graduate from the program are offered an opportunity to go under lease with the local housing authority that provided the transitional unit.

The Division of Public Housing and Rental Assistance, which administers this program, has the responsibility for regulatory and administrative oversight of all state and federally-aided public housing programs which address the needs of low- and moderate-income families, the elderly and persons with disabilities.

How it works

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) administers the LHATHP through three local housing sites. Homeless families are screened by program case managers and those families selected are provided with one of these transitional units for a period of 12- 18 months. Once in the program, the household's needs are assessed and an individual service plan is developed. Appropriate services are then secured. Services include: job training, education, counseling, employment assistance, day care and life skills enhancement. Once the participant family has met the goals and objectives outlined in the service plan, the family is offered the opportunity to enter into a lease agreement with the housing authority.

Who is eligible

To be eligible for the LHATHP, a family must be homeless, as defined by HUD and identified as a household; and, with some services, be able to become self-sufficient and maintain permanent housing.

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**Application
process**

Referrals can come from two sources. The local Department of Transitional Assistance Homeless Coordinator can refer families that currently are in temporary emergency shelter. Or, the referral can come directly from a shelter provider. Referrals from either source are directed to one of the program case managers located at one of the four participating housing authorities. The case manager performs an assessment on each referral to determine if the program can meet the needs of the family. Once an eligibility decision is made the case managers contact the referral source and family to inform them of the eligibility decision.

**For further
information**

Please contact DHCD's Bureau of Asset Management at (617)727-7130, ext. 665.